

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following on page 1 after the Title of the Invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP01/03836, filed May 8, 2001, which claims priority from Japanese Application No. P2000-134479, filed May 8, 2000, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 3 as follows:

Therefore, an object of the present invention it is desirable to provide a digital data selling and buying transaction system, an auxiliary digital data selling and buying system, a digital data selling and buying transaction method, an auxiliary digital data selling and buying method, and a digital data selling and buying transaction apparatus that allow a proper transaction price to be decided on a communication network using for example the Internet and digital data to be sold (resold) and bought.

Please amend the heading at page 4, line 4 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 5-10 as follows:

An aspect of the invention of claim 1 is a digital data selling and buying transaction system for performing selling and buying transactions for an encryption key for

encrypted digital data among a plurality of terminal units connected through a communication network, comprising the processes of:

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-15 as follows:

| Another aspect of T~~the invention of claim 35~~ is an auxiliary digital data selling and buying system, comprising: a selling processing device for performing a process for selling auxiliary digital data with respect to a process for canceling the limitation of the use of digital data; a buying processing device for performing a process for buying the auxiliary digital data; and a selling and buying processing device for performing a process for receiving a selling request from the selling processing device and a buying request from the buying processing device and concluding selling and buying transactions, the selling processing device, the buying processing device, and the selling and buying processing device being connected through a communication network,

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 15-19 as follows:

| Yet another aspect of T~~the invention of claim 44~~ is a digital data selling and buying transaction method for performing selling and buying transactions for digital data through a wired or wireless communication network, comprising the steps of:

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 5-17 as follows:

| A further aspect of T~~the invention of claim 45~~ is an auxiliary digital data selling and buying method, comprising the steps of performing a process for selling auxiliary digital data

with respect to a process for canceling the limitation of the use of digital data; performing a process for buying the auxiliary digital data; and performing a process for receiving a selling request from the selling processing step and a buying request from the buying processing step and concluding selling and buying transactions, the selling processing step, the buying processing step, and the selling and buying processing step being performed by transmitting and receiving data through a communication network,

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 9-14 as follows:

A still further aspect of the invention of claim 46 is a digital data selling and buying transaction apparatus for performing selling and buying transactions for an encryption key for encrypted digital data among a plurality of terminal units connected through a communication network, comprising:

Please amend the heading at page 13, line 10 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS~~Brief Description of Drawings~~

Please insert the following heading before page 14, line 27:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION